

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the present application. The pending claims have been amended. Support for these amendments may be found, for example, in Figure 2 and related discussion in the specification of the Patent Application. No new matter has been added.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 12 for erroneously depending upon claim 111. Applicants have reviewed the record and believe that the originally submitted claim 12 correctly depends from claim 11. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner's objection to claim 12 be withdrawn. However, if Applicants review of the record is incorrect, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner indicate where the record shows that claim 12 erroneously depends from claim 111 so that any necessary action can be taken.

In the Office Action, claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Nakatsugawa (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0144001). Pursuant to the amendments indicated herein, the Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed.

Nakatsugawa describes techniques for updating routing tables in a router and forwarding routing messages between routers. See Nakatsugawa, paragraphs [0084-0099]. However, Nakatsugawa is not concerned with techniques for preventing data loss during handoff of a mobile unit and, in particular, reducing the amount of data loss during handoff in high-speed data communications. Consequently, Nakatsugawa does not describe or suggest applying different treatments to duplicate packet flows during a handoff and then transmitting the duplicate packet flows to different base stations involved in the handoff.

For at least the aforementioned reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims (as amended herein) are not anticipated by Nakatsugawa and request that the Examiner's rejections of claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) be withdrawn.

For the aforementioned reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all claims pending in the present application are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (713) 934-4052 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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